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Patrol Car vs Bicycle Injury Collision

On June 19, 2006 at approximately 5:09 p.m. an injury crash occurred on SR 508 at the intersection of Pleasant View Drive, just outside Morton. The crash involved a patrol car driven by Sergeant Dave Knies of the Washington State Patrol (WSP.) Sergeant Knies was westbound on SR 508 when a 17 year old bicyclist failed to stop at the stop sign on Pleasant View Drive while entering SR 508 from the north. The two collided in the westbound lane of SR 508.

The male bicyclist struck the side of Sergeant Knies' patrol car, throwing the bicyclist into the windshield. The bicyclist was transported by ambulance to Morton General Hospital with head and neck injuries. Sergeant Knies was not injured.

The patrol car, a red 2002 Ford Crown Victoria, sustained approximately \$2000 damage and the bicycle was totaled. Sergeant Knies, a 27 year veteran with the WSP was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the collision. The juvenile bicyclist was not wearing a helmet.

Sergeant Knies was not operating emergency equipment at the time of the collision and he was on routine patrol.

The speed limit in the area is 40 mph.

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